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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR §1.104(E)**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant has received the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance with the April 8, 2008 Notice of Allowance and Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Applicant notes that the Examiner characterizes the claimed invention and does not concede that there are no other invention(s) provided in the instant specification that can be claimed in one or more continuing applications. Further, Applicant does not concede that the prior claim amendments were required to impart patentability.

Entry of the Examiner's Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner. The Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's positions in one or more reasons for allowability. Thus, any interpretation with respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance should not be imputed to the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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